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1. A budget of 16,500,000 Schillings has been requested for capital repairs on Soviet army installations during the remainder of 1953. The sum is to cover the balance due on contracts already signed which were not settled under occupation costs and some additional repair expenses.
2. On 4 September 1953, two Soviet officers assigned to Soviet headquarters in Austria stated that all Soviet officers in Austria may now bring their wives and children below school age to Austria, subject to the availability of housing. Under regulations heretofore in force, this privilege had been extended only to officers in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel and up.
3. The Porr Allgemeine Baugesellschaft, Vienna, contracted on 7 September 1953 to renovate the Peterhof building in Baden, Lower Austria, by 15 November at the expense of 960,000 Schillings. The left wing of the Peterhof houses at present publishing offices, the judge advocate section and the chief provost marshal of the Central Group of Forces. The repairs contracted for by the Porr A.G. consist of the installation of central heating and showers and the refinishing of the interior of the central portion of the building.

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[REDACTED] Comment: It is believed that the repaired section of the Peterhof will be used to billet officers' wives whose arrival is anticipated under the new policy. In view of the large outlay it seems unlikely that the Soviets plan to remove troops from Baden.

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